

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 remain in this application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.
An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- a new Abstract of the Disclosure

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A slider for a zip fastener with two tabs, includes a hollow body in which are housed two levers positioned on opposite sides of the teeth of the fastener, one of the two levers, provided with a pawl for insertion between the teeth to lock the slider, being operable by acting on either one of the tabs to overcome the resistance of an elastic element positioned within the hollow body which keeps the pawl inserted between the teeth. The elastic element includes an elastically flexible strip, having one end fixed to the lever provided with the pawl, the strip facing an internal wall of the hollow body in such a way that it is interposed between the body and this lever and its elastic resistance opposes a movement of the lever which causes the extraction of the pawl from the teeth.